



Sustainable Development Leadership Award presented to Dr José Manuel Durão Barroso

The award recognizes his pioneering efforts to de-carbonize the European economy and promote renewable energy and energy efficiency

New Delhi, February 7: The 11th Sustainable Development Leadership Award was today presented to Dr José Manuel Durão Barroso by Dr R K Pachauri*, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). The award felicitates global leaders for their contributions in the field of sustainable development, and for encouraging global initiatives that can lead the world towards a sustainable future.

Instituted by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) in 2005, the award was presented at the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit 2015 (DSDS) as TERI's tribute to eminent individuals engaged in encouraging global initiatives that can lead the world towards a sustainable future.

As President of the European Commission (EC), Dr Barroso spearheaded the first international legally binding agreement for curbing greenhouse gas emissions, when he launched the historic 2020 package on Climate and Energy. During his second term as President of the EC, Dr Barroso introduced new and more ambitious targets, extending the binding commitments until 2030. His leadership and ideas have not only helped the European Union reduce carbon emissions, but boosted renewable energy and brought greater energy efficiency. His path-breaking efforts to tackle climate change enabled the tapping of new sources of growth and improving energy security on a global level.

About DSDS

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), since 2001, annually organizes the DSDS, an international platform to facilitate the exchange of knowledge on all aspects of sustainable development. Over the past 14 years, it has emerged as one of the foremost institutions on issues of global sustainability. The flagship event of TERI brings together various Heads of State and Government, thought leaders, policymakers, and the crème de la crème of industry and academia to deliberate on myriad issues. Till date, the Summit has hosted over 36 Heads of State, ministers from over 50 countries and delegates from across continents. The Summit has evolved as a significant congregation of leaders from the fields of polity, economy, academia and civil society to deliberate on issues related to sustainable development. For more information, please click: <http://dsds.teriin.org/2015/>

About TERI

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is an independent, not-for-profit research organization deeply committed to every aspect of energy, environment, and sustainable development. From providing environment-friendly solutions to rural energy problems, to helping shape the development of the Indian oil and gas sector; from tackling global climate change issues across many continents to enhancing forest conservation efforts among local communities; from advancing solutions to growing urban transportation and air pollution problems to promoting energy efficiency in Indian industries, the emphasis has always been on finding innovative solutions to make the world a better place to live in. All activities at TERI move from formulating local and national-level strategies to suggesting global solutions tackling critical energy and environment related issues.

Headed by Dr R K Pachauri, also the chairperson of the Nobel Peace Prize winning climate change body, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), TERI has emerged as an institution of excellence for its path-breaking research, and is a global brand widely respected by political leaders, policymakers, corporate entities as well as the civil society at large.

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